



Senate Finance Committee
Conservation Land Stewardship Program (CLSP)
2026 - 2027 Biennium Budget Presentation

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Mission

The Conservation Land Stewardship Program (CLSP) works to ensure that the State is meeting its legal obligations to permanently protect conservation resources that were acquired through the Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP).

Funding

The CLSP is funded 87% through an Endowment held at Treasury and administered by the Council on Resources and Development (CORD). The endowment was established in 1993 to provide for the perpetual monitoring and enforcement of LCIP conservation interests. The endowment also includes non-LCIP properties. The remaining 13% of funding comes from a contract with NH Fish and Game for the monitoring of additional non-LCIP conservation interests. The program employs 2 full-time and 1 part-time employee. **CLSP does not receive General Funds.**

Key Initiatives

- Annual outreach and communications with State-held conservation easement landowners and municipalities who own or hold Grantee interest in LCIP conservation properties.
- Yearly monitoring of 166 state-held conservation easements comprising ~ 40,000 acres.
- Monitoring report assessment and tracking of 250+ municipally held LCIP conservation properties.
- Conducting periodic site visits to municipal LCIP interests and providing technical assistance to conservation commissions as needed.

CLSP Properties by Aquisition Program

